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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN BRUNEI

1. CONOFF HAS RECENTLY COMPLETED VISIT TO BRUNEI AT REQUEST OF SHELL OIL COMPANY DURING WHICH IMMIGRANT VISAS WERE ISSUED TO SIX VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, ALL DEPENDENTS OF US CITIZENS.

2. REFUGEES REMOVED FROM VIETNAM BY HELICOPTER TO THE VESSEL, "PACLOG PROVIDER" AND TRANSPORTED TO SINGAPORE WHERE THEY PLANNED TO LAND AND OBTAIN VISAS FOR U.S. SINGAPORE GOVT REFUSED ENTRY, EVEN TO DOCUMENTED US CITIZENS ON VESSEL, THOUGH EVENTUALLY ONE AMCIT PERMITTED ASHORE TEMPORARILY TO VISIT EMBASSY.

3. AFTER SINGAPORE REFUSAL SHELL OBTAINED PERMISSION FROM BRUNEI AUTHORITIES FOR REFUGEES TO ENTER BRUNEI TEMPORARILY UNDER SHELL SPONSORSHIP SO THAT VISAS FOR U.S. COULD BE OBTAINED. THEY WERE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER SHELL VESSEL AND PROCEEDED TO SERIA, BRUNEI. CONOFF ON ARRIVAL SERIA WAS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN TO SHIP ANCHORED TEN (10) MILES OFFSHORE, WHERE "IMMEDIATE RELATIVE VISAS ISSUED." BRUNEI PERMISSION DID NOT EXTEND TO UNDOCUMENTED PERSONS SO "CERTIFICATES IN LIEU OF PASSPORT" WERE ISSUED WHICH SATISFIED IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. NO SPECIFIC TIME LIMITATION IMPOSED BY IMMIGRATION BUT IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT SHELL WOULD HAVE THEM OUT OF THE COUNTRY WITHIN ONE WEEK.

4. THERE IS NO INDICATION BRUNEI GOVT WILLING ACCEPT REFUGEES ON PERMANENT OR INDEFINITE BASIS BUT THEY DO SEEM SYMPATHETIC  
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AND APPARENTLY WILLING TO PERMIT TEMPORARY STAY PROVIDED

SPONSORSHIP GIVEN TOGETHER WITH ASSURANCES OF ENTRY INTO  
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